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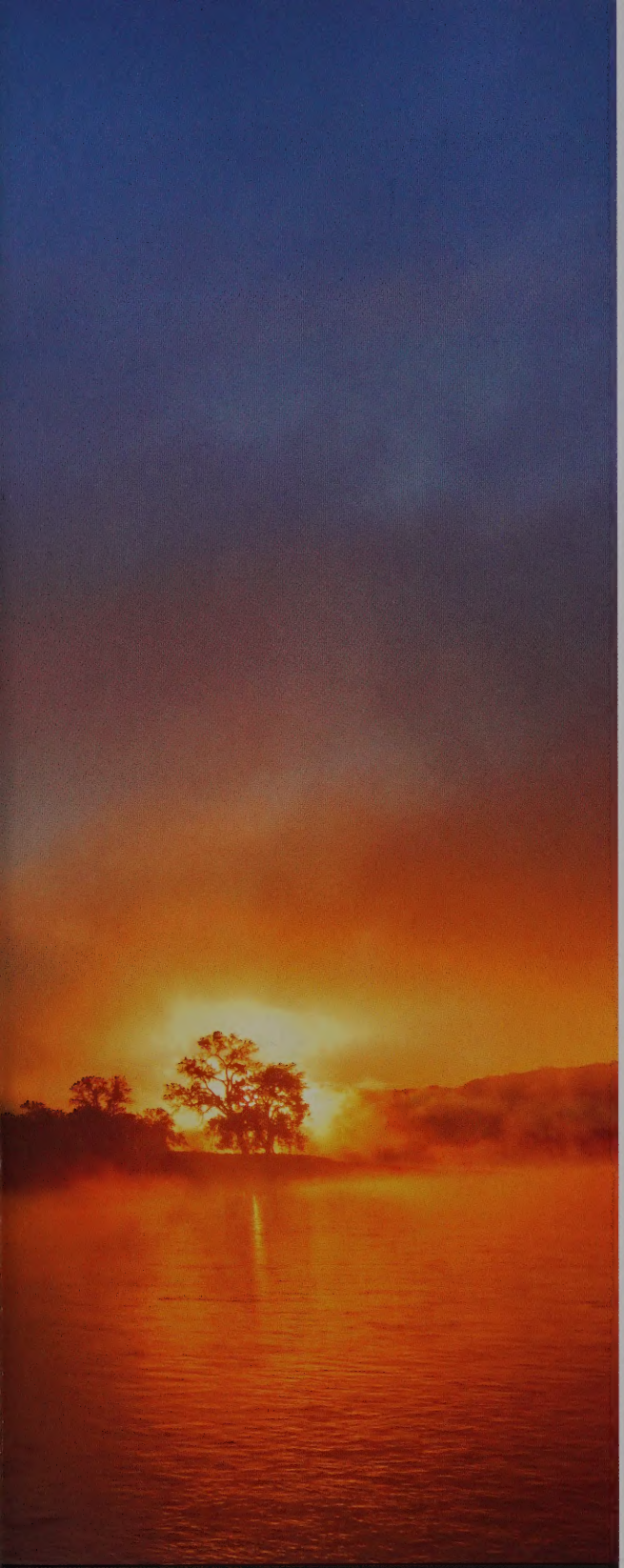
—Editor



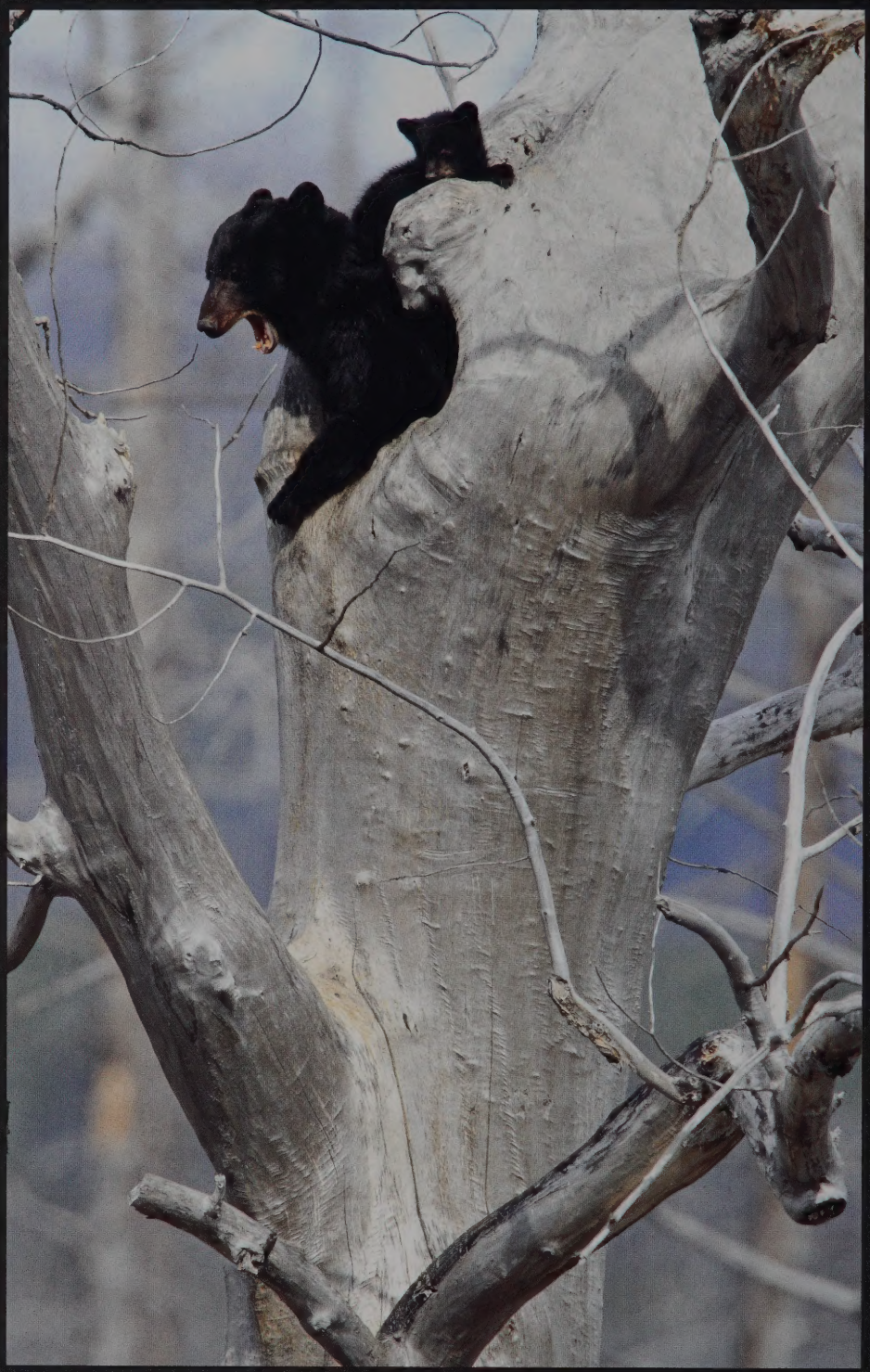
CHUCK HANEY
Above: Sunrise burning through the fog, Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument

KEN ARCHER
Right: Coyote pouncing on a vole, near Great Falls

DONALD M. JONES
Cover: Male and female pine grosbeaks

JEREMIE HOLLMAN
Above: Backlit lupine at sunset

TODD KLASSY
Opposite page: Wild sunflowers



SUMIO HARADA
Above: Black bear sow and cub emerging from a 65-foot-high tree den

BRETT SWAIN
Right: Black bear sow and cub

FRANCIS AND JANICE BERGQUIST
Left: Sandhill cranes

JEFF VAN TINE
Below: Sandhill crane colt on the go, near Wilsall

Clockwise from top left:

RON BOGGS
Kelseya uniflora

KURT REINHART
Green bee on a pincushion cactus

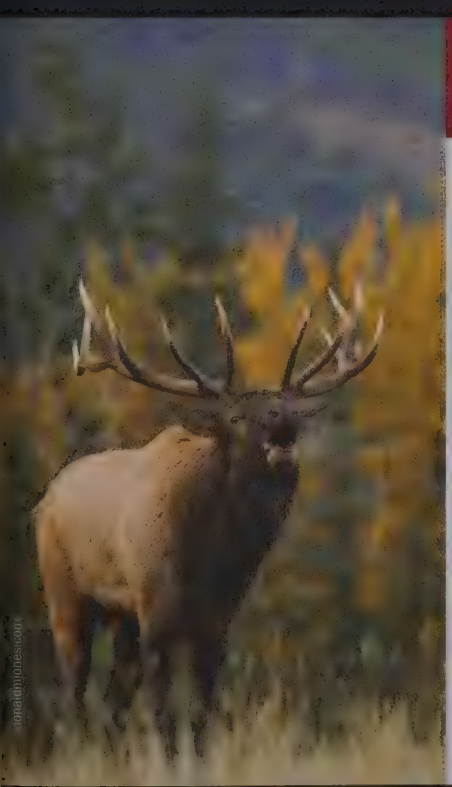
JOHN ASHLEY
Ladybug on a thistle flower

Clockwise from top left:

DOUGLAS ROANE
Prairie sunset, north of Billings

DIANA LEVASSEUR
Fireweed seeds in breeze

TOM REICHNER
Mule deer doe and fawn



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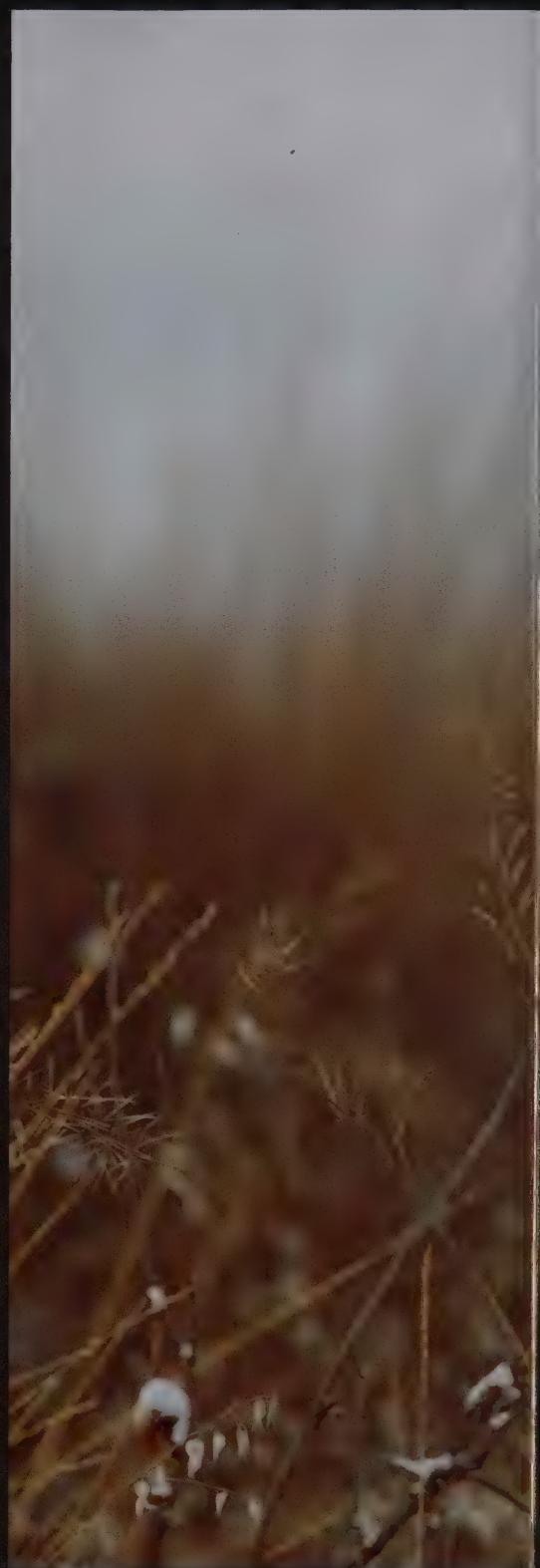
Left: Avalanche Gorge, Glacier National Park

BRIAN GROSSENBACHER
Above: Arctic grayling dorsal fin

KENTON ROWE
Below: Rainbow trout, Missouri River

DON MACCARTER
Above: Dusky (blue) grouse in a ponderosa pine, Wild Horse Island State Park



MIKE MURRI
Right: Ring-necked pheasant rooster landing in heavy winter cover

Clockwise from left:

JOE MCDONALD
Pronghorn buck banking left at full gallop

STEVE LOVAS
Three pronghorn bucks, east of Ringling

ZACK CLOTHIER
Pronghorn doe and fawns, near Gardiner

Clockwise from top left:

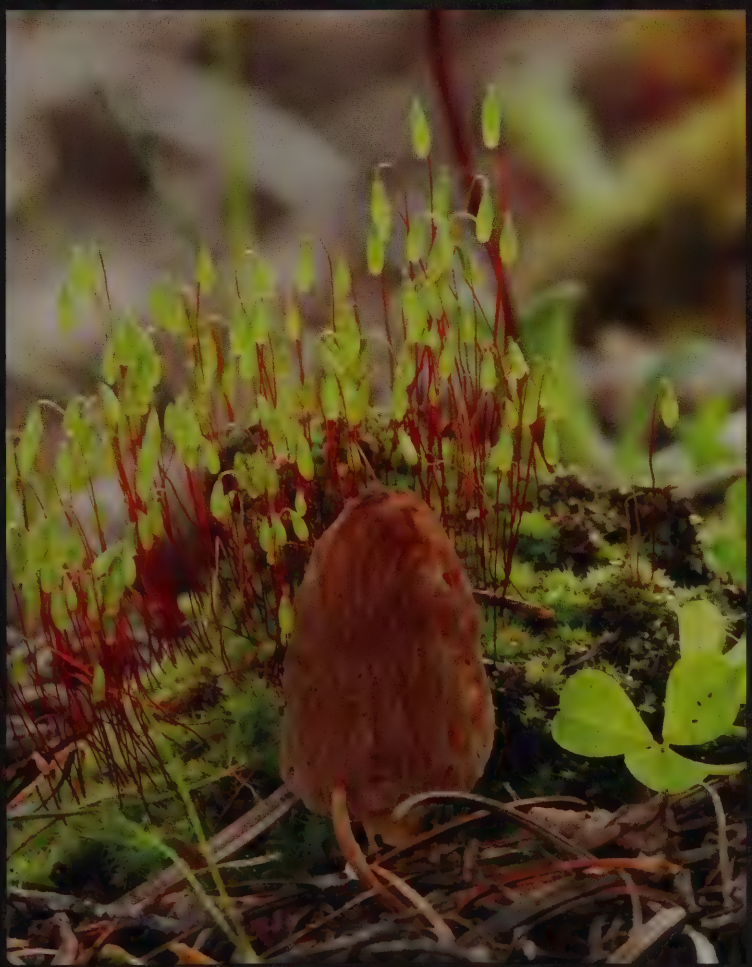
ZACK CLOTHIER
Cedar forest, Glacier National Park

MICHAEL MCCANN
Mushroom and moss detail

NICK FUCCI
Female rufous hummingbird and young

KEVIN R. FREDENBERG
Orange honeysuckle

DEBRA KRANTZ
Morel mushroom and fruiting moss



DEA VOGEL
Mule deer buck looking out over fogged-in Mission Valley.

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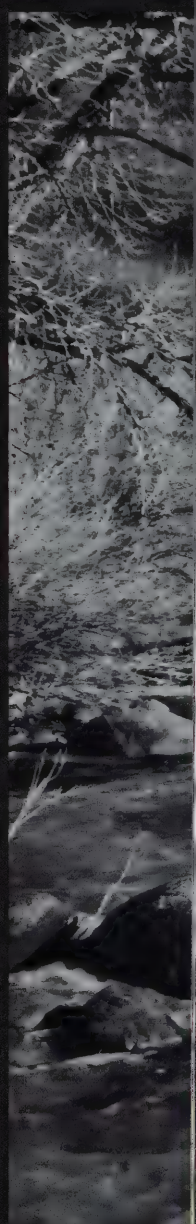
JEREMY WEBER
Light pillars, Pablo

STEVE MITCHELL
Northern lights, Glacier National Park

MARK N. ROBERTS
Tundra swans leaving Freezeout Lake, near the Rocky Mountain Front



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SHANNA MAE SWANSON
Tree shadows across ice in the Madison Valley

CINDY GOEDDEL
Boulder River (infrared camera image)

JODY DURAN
Mystic Lake and Mystic Lake Dam, Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness

RYAN LAY
Hunting camp at night, near Lincoln

STEVE LOVAS
Opposite page: Richardson's ground squirrel, north of Belgrade

ANDREW KANDEL
Left: Long-tailed weasel

VICTOR SCHENDEL
Above: American pika harvesting grasses and wildflowers

DONALD M. JONES
Left: Young American badger and mother

Clockwise from top left:

TONY BYNUM
Trophy mule deer buck, Rocky Mountain Front

KERRY NICKOU
Bighorn sheep in a snowstorm

TIM CHRISTIE
Bull elk behind a snowbank

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Left: Golden eagle, near Polson

JEFF T. ALBRECHT
Above: Juvenile red-tailed hawks on a hay bale, near Great Falls

JESSE LEE VARNADO
Below: Juvenile great horned owl

FRED FAIRHURST
Above: Old windmill at sunrise

JAMIE YOUNG
Right: Lichen on a worn rock in the Gardner River

ALAN G. NELSON
Left: Calliope hummingbirds sharing a flower

TONY BYNUM
Below: Mule deer buck, Missouri River Breaks

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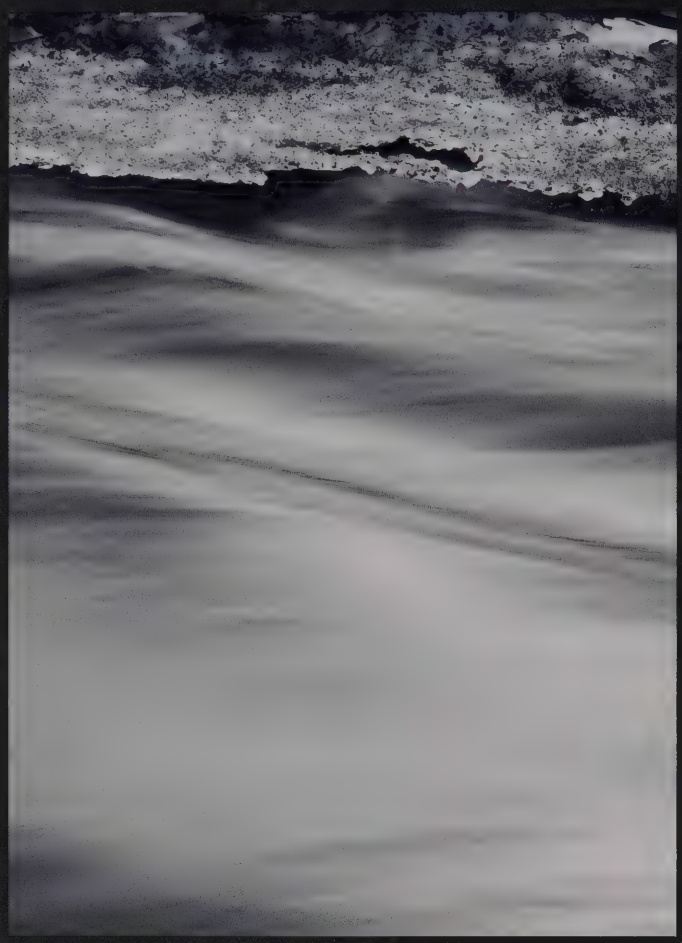
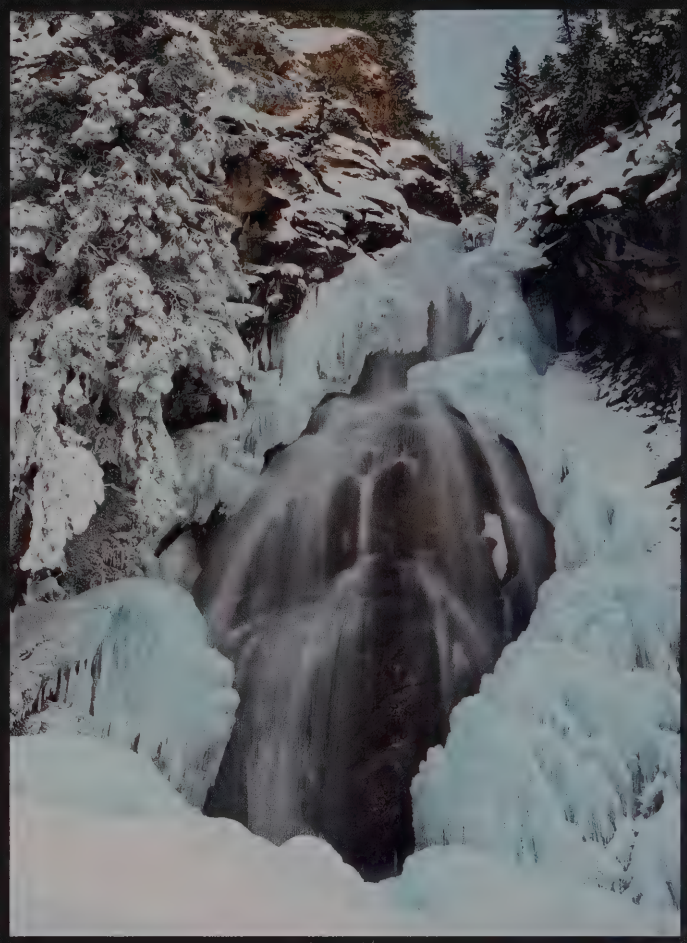
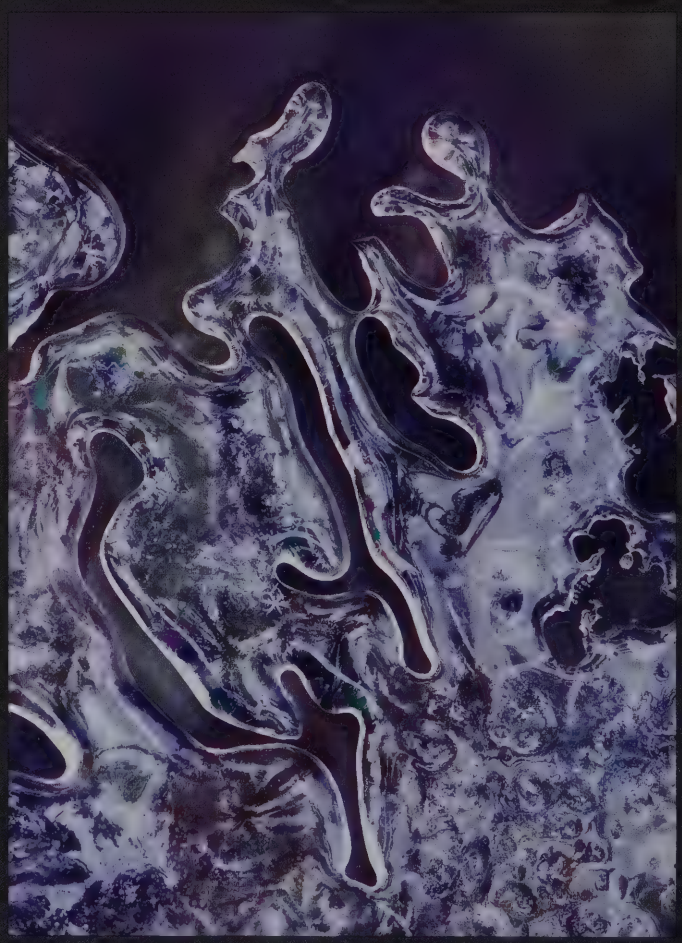
JOHN ASHLEY
Cutt-bow hybrid trout
in a spawning stream

KENTON ROWE
Rainbow trout taking a mayfly
from the water surface

JEFF SATTLER
Brook trout in a small
mountain stream







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MICHAEL BUCHANAN
Spring thaw on the Boulder River

JOHN LAMBING
Holland Falls with ice formations, near Condon

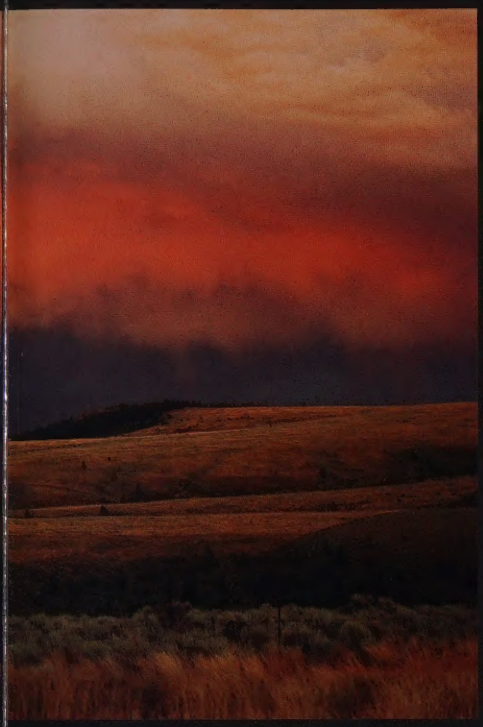
SUMIO HARADA
Mountain lion in Glacier National Park

KEVIN LUOMA
Long-tailed weasel in white winter coat leaping on meadow voles under snow

DEE LINNELL BLANK
Ice detail at Smith Creek, Flathead Valley

NELSON KENTER
Below: Central Montana fields, sky, and mountain

ANDRÉ CHAVIM COSTA
Above: Sunset over the Madison Valley



DENNIS J. LINGOHR
Below: Lightning strike over southern Phillips County

CHUCK AND GALE ROBBINS
Above: Outlet of Lake Alva, Seeley-Swan Valley

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VICTOR SCHENDEL
Red fox passing through a fence

JASON SAVAGE
Whitetail doe

JEREMY WEBER
Gray wolf, near West Yellowstone

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KARL KRIEGER
Red fox pups at
Lump Gulch, near Clancy

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